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DIRECTIONS FOR DESTROYING WOODCHUCKS OR "GROUNDHOGS." 2, 2, 14,

- 1. Make a complete survey of your farm for woodchuck burrows.
- 2. Treat each used hole with 3 tablespoonfuls (1-1/2 ounces) of carbon bisulphide, or 1 tablespoonful (about 1 ounce) of calcium cyanide flakes as follows:
 - (a) Pour the carbon bisulphide on a small wad of cotton, rags, waste, or other absorbent material and throw or place well down into the burrow.
 - (b) Place the calcium cyanide flakes as far into the burrow as possible with a long handled spoon.
- 3. Close tightly the entrance to burrows immediately with sod and damp earth, taking great care to avoid loose sand or dirt falling upon the fumigant.
- 4. Examine all treated burrows after the lapse of one week and retreat the reopened burrows.

IMPORTANT.

Game and fur-bearing animals are protected by law. Be careful to avoid treating burrows or dens occupied by these animals. Treat woodchuck burrows during active season only.

CAUTION:

Open cyanide cans only in the open air and stand to windward to escape breathing fumes. Wash hands at once after working with cyanide. Do not get any of the cyanide in the mouth.

Antidote: Inhale ammonia; apply cold water to head and spine; give stimulant of one teaspoonful of aromatic spirits of ammonia; give artificial respiration.

Carbon bisulphide is highly explosive and inflammable. Keep all fires away. Do not smoke while using it. It also evaporates rapidly so should be kept in tightly corked bottles or cans.

